

NATIONAL DAIRY MARKET AT A GLANCE**CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE (CME) CASH MARKETS (4/07):**

BUTTER: Grade AA closed at \$1.1025. The weekly average for Grade AA is \$1.1008 (-.0084).

CHEESE: Barrels closed at \$1.0775 and blocks at \$1.1075. The weekly average for barrels is \$1.0825 (-.0055) and blocks, \$1.1105 (-.0020).

NONFAT DRY MILK: Extra Grade and Grade A closed at \$1.0300. The weekly average for Extra Grade is \$1.0300 (N.C.) and Grade A, \$1.0300 (N.C.).

BUTTER: Butter markets remain unsettled. CME cash prices weakened through Monday, firmed at midweek, but declined at week's end. Producers and handlers still have mixed opinions as to the direction butter markets should be heading at this time of the season. For the most part, churning schedules have remained seasonally active. In many areas of the country, current churning activity has been keeping pace with improved butter demand, therefore minimal volumes of butter were being diverted toward inventory. Cream supplies have varied over the past few weeks. Recent firm cream prices slowed Class II demand, thus churning was heavier. Retail and food service orders are steady to improved. Retail features are becoming more numerous and restaurants are preparing for Easter which is a very good dining-out holiday.

CHEESE: The cheese market is weak. Cheese production remains well above year ago levels. Current interest is slow to moderate, with most orders for short term needs. This week, CCC purchased blocks from the Midwest, the first price support block purchase since June 1997. CCC canceled 79,200 pounds of process cheese previously purchased. CCC also announced its second annual invitations to sell to CCC process, natural American, and mozzarella for various programs. Offers are due April 10. Deliveries are for July 2000 through June 2001. Adjusted for leap year, two month cumulative U.S. cheddar cheese output totals 475.6 million pounds, up 23 million pounds (5.1%) from the same two months in 1999. Also, adjusted cumulative total cheese output totals 1.304 billion pounds, up 65.5 million pounds (5.3%) from 1999.

FLUID MILK: Milk production is leveling off in the Southern states where output is holding at or near peak levels. Milk is increasing at varying rates in the middle and northern parts of the country. Fluid milk supplies are more than ample for the slow to fair bottled milk demand. Manufacturing plants are operating near capacity levels with heaviest schedules noted in the West and Southeast. The fluid cream market is a little slower this week. Supplies are longer in most sections of the country. Many contacts attribute the slower demand and heavier offerings to the jump in butter prices at the CME. These increases have forced cream/butterfat prices sharply higher and some suppliers have adjusted their multiples lower.

DRY PRODUCTS: Nonfat dry milk production is steady to heavier depending on the region. Supplies are generally ample and clearances to CCC remain heavy. Commercial buying interest is slow to fair and mostly for replacement volumes. The dry buttermilk market is steady to firm and prices are unchanged to higher. Dry whey prices are unchanged and the market tone ranges from firm to weaker. Some producers are sold out for the next several weeks while others have product they are trying to move. Demand is slow to fair. The WPC market remains firm and prices continue to rise. Trading is light given the tight supplies.

CCC: Net purchases for the week of April 3 - 7, totaled 15,923,928 pounds of nonfortified NDM. From this total, 14,489,229 pounds were purchased from the West, 868,118 pounds from the Midwest, and 566,581 pounds from the East. CCC also purchased 40,022 pounds of cheddar cheese from the Midwest. For the current fiscal year (beginning October 1, 1999), CCC has purchased 216,074,518 pounds of NDM and 1,822,022 pounds of cheese. These totals compare to 42,180,028 pounds of NDM and no cheese during the same period a year ago.

CLASS III AND IV MILK PRICE HEARINGS (DAIRY PROGRAMS): USDA has announced that a hearing on proposals to amend the Class III and Class IV price formulas for all Federal milk orders will begin on May 8 in Alexandria, VA. The hearing notice is available from USDA at 202-720-4392 or can be found on the AMS web site at: www.ams.usda.gov/dairy

FEBRUARY DAIRY PRODUCTS HIGHLIGHTS (NASS): (Editors' note: The following figures are unadjusted for leap year.) Butter production was 129.8 million pounds in February, 16.4% above February 1999 but 8.8% below January 2000. American type cheese production totaled 297.4 million pounds, 7.2% above February 1999 but 6.1% below January 2000. Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 639.6 million pounds, 6.6% above February 1999 but 6.9% below January 2000. Human food, nonfat dry milk production, totaled 132.5 million pounds, 14.5% above February 1999 but 0.8% below January 2000. Dry whey production, for human food, was 96.8 million pounds, 15.8% above February 1999 but 6.3% below January 2000.

MARCH AGRICULTURAL PRICES HIGHLIGHTS (NASS): The index of prices paid by farmers for commodities and services, interest, taxes, and wage rates in March 2000 advanced 1 point to 120. Compared to March 1999, the index was up 5 points (4.3%). The index of prices received by farmers for dairy products was unchanged during the month of March at 90. Prices received by farmers, with changes from February, were: for All Milk, \$11.80 per cwt., unchanged; Fluid Grade Milk, \$11.90, unchanged; and for Manufacturing Grade Milk, \$10.20, unchanged.

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**CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE
CASH TRADING**

CHEESE: carload = 40,000-44,000 lbs., NONFAT DRY MILK: carlot = 42,000-45,000 lbs., BUTTER: carlot = 40,000-43,000 lbs.

PRODUCT	MONDAY APRIL 3	TUESDAY APRIL 4	WEDNESDAY APRIL 5	THURSDAY APRIL 6	FRIDAY APRIL 7	WEEKLY CHANGE*	WEEKLY AVERAGE#
CHEESE							
BARRELS	\$1.0850 (-.0025)	\$1.0850 (N.C.)	\$1.0825 (-.0025)	\$1.0825 (N.C.)	\$1.0775 (-.0050)	(-.0100)	\$1.0825 (-.0055)
40# BLOCKS	\$1.1125 (N.C.)	\$1.1125 (N.C.)	\$1.1100 (-.0025)	\$1.1100 (N.C.)	\$1.1075 (-.0025)	(-.0050)	\$1.1105 (-.0020)
NONFAT DRY MILK							
EXTRA GRADE	\$1.0300 (N.C.)	\$1.0300 (N.C.)	\$1.0300 (N.C.)	\$1.0300 (N.C.)	\$1.0300 (N.C.)	N.C.	\$1.0300 (N.C.)
GRADE A	\$1.0300 (N.C.)	\$1.0300 (N.C.)	\$1.0300 (N.C.)	\$1.0300 (N.C.)	\$1.0300 (N.C.)	N.C.	\$1.0300 (N.C.)
BUTTER							
GRADE AA	\$1.0900 (-.0175)	----	\$1.1100 (+.0200)	----	\$1.1025 (-.0075)	(-.0050)	\$1.1008 (-.0084)

*Sum of daily changes. # Weekly averages are simple averages of the daily closing prices for the calendar week. Computed by Dairy Market News for informational purposes. This data is available on the Internet at WWW.AMS.USDA.GOV/MARKETNEWS.HTM **NOTE: Markets will be closed on 4/21/00 in observance of Good Friday.**

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2000

CHEESE -- SALES: 2 CARS 40# BLOCKS: 1 @ \$1.1050, 1 @ \$1.1125; BIDS UNFILLED: NONE; OFFERS UNCOVERED: 2 CARS BARRELS: 1 @ \$1.0850, 1 @ \$1.0875; 6 CARS 40# BLOCKS: 5 @ \$1.1125, 1 @ \$1.1150
 NONFAT DRY MILK -- SALES: NONE; BIDS UNFILLED: NONE; OFFERS UNCOVERED: NONE
 BUTTER -- SALES: 14 CARS GRADE AA: 1 @ \$1.0575, 1 @ \$1.0700, 1 @ \$1.0800, 1 @ \$1.0700, 1 @ \$1.0725, 2 @ \$1.0750, 1 @ \$1.0775, 1 @ \$1.0800, 1 @ \$1.0850, 1 @ \$1.0800, 1 @ \$1.0900, 1 @ \$1.1000, 1 @ \$1.0900; BIDS UNFILLED: 6 CARS GRADE AA: 1 @ \$1.0600, 1 @ \$1.0500, 1 @ \$1.0400, 1 @ \$1.0300, 1 @ \$0.9600, 1 @ \$0.9500; OFFERS UNCOVERED: 12 CARS GRADE AA: 1 @ \$1.1000, 1 @ \$1.1025, 1 @ \$1.1050, 4 @ \$1.1075, 2 @ \$1.1100, 1 @ \$1.1200, 1 @ \$1.1300, 1 @ \$1.1400

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2000

CHEESE -- SALES: NONE; BIDS UNFILLED: NONE; OFFERS UNCOVERED: 1 CAR BARRELS @ \$1.0850; 2 CARS 40# BLOCKS @ \$1.1125; 1 CAR 6 MONTH AGED 40# BLOCK @ \$1.4500
 NONFAT DRY MILK -- SALES: NONE; BIDS UNFILLED: NONE; OFFERS UNCOVERED: NONE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2000

CHEESE -- SALES: NONE; BIDS UNFILLED: NONE; OFFERS UNCOVERED: 1 CAR BARRELS @ \$1.0825; 3 CARS 40# BLOCKS: 1 @ \$1.1100, 2 @ \$1.1125
 NONFAT DRY MILK -- SALES: NONE; BIDS UNFILLED: NONE; OFFERS UNCOVERED: NONE
 BUTTER -- SALES: 13 CARS GRADE AA: 1 @ \$1.0600, 1 @ \$1.0675, 1 @ \$1.0900, 1 @ \$1.1000, 1 @ \$1.0825, 1 @ \$1.0800, 1 @ \$1.0825, 1 @ \$1.0800, 1 @ \$1.0900, 1 @ \$1.1000, 1 @ \$1.1100, 1 @ \$1.1000, 1 @ \$1.1100; BIDS UNFILLED: 4 CARS GRADE AA: 1 @ \$1.0825, 1 @ \$1.0500, 2 @ \$1.0400; OFFERS UNCOVERED: 1 CAR GRADE AA @ \$1.1200

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2000

CHEESE -- SALES: NONE; BIDS UNFILLED: NONE; OFFERS UNCOVERED: 1 CAR BARRELS @ \$1.0825; 2 CARS 40# BLOCKS @ \$1.1100
 NONFAT DRY MILK -- SALES: NONE; BIDS UNFILLED: NONE; OFFERS UNCOVERED: NONE

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2000

CHEESE -- SALES: NONE; BIDS UNFILLED: NONE; OFFERS UNCOVERED: 1 CAR BARRELS @ \$1.0775; 3 CARS 40# BLOCKS: 1 @ \$1.1075, 2 @ \$1.1100
 NONFAT DRY MILK -- SALES: NONE; BIDS UNFILLED: NONE; OFFERS UNCOVERED: NONE
 BUTTER -- SALES: 7 CARS GRADE AA: 1 @ \$1.0775, 1 @ \$1.1000, 1 @ \$1.0875, 1 @ \$1.0950, 1 @ \$1.1000, 2 @ \$1.1050; BIDS UNFILLED: 15 CARS GRADE AA: 1 @ \$1.0850, 1 @ \$1.0825, 1 @ \$1.0750, 1 @ \$1.0725, 1 @ \$1.0700, 1 @ \$1.0675, 1 @ \$1.0650, 1 @ \$1.0625, 1 @ \$1.0600, 2 @ \$1.0500, 1 @ \$1.0400, 1 @ \$1.0300, 1 @ \$1.0200, 1 @ \$1.0100; OFFERS UNCOVERED: 12 CARS GRADE AA: 4 @ \$1.1025, 1 @ \$1.1075, 3 @ \$1.1100, 1 @ \$1.1200, 1 @ \$1.1300, 1 @ \$1.1400, 1 @ \$1.1500

BUTTER MARKETS

FEBRUARY BUTTER PRODUCTION

During February 2000, butter production in the United States totaled 129.8 million pounds, 16.4% above February 1999 (unadjusted for the additional day), but 8.8% less than January 2000. Following are unadjusted percentage changes from February 1999 for various states: CA +39.5%, MN -2.4, NY +34.2%, OR -4.2%, PA +74.9%, WA +23.5%, and WI +1.2%.

NORTHEAST

The market tone remains unsettled as prices have started to ease lower following nearly a week at the \$1.11 level. Some contacts feel that orders for Easter/Passover needs have been placed and the need for fresh butter is returning to normal levels. Production levels are steady, but the high prices during last week did slow spot cream purchases which, in turn, moved more excess cream into butter/powder plants. In the East, producer stocks of fresh butter range from well balanced to occasionally short. However, most contacts feel that the current tightness is only temporary. Frozen butter stocks are more than ample to cover current needs, if needed. Retail and food service orders are steady to improved. Retail features are becoming more numerous and restaurants are preparing for Easter which is a very good dining-out holiday. Bulk butter sales are slow and still in the range of 3-5 cents over the CME price/average.

CENTRAL

Butter markets are unsettled as the CME cash AA price moved lower, then back up at midweek. A lower price, at this time of the year, follows more in line with many producers' and handlers' thoughts. Current cash price fluctuations from one trading session to the next are comparable to what was going on last year at

this time. Inventories are reported to be sufficient for current needs. Fresh butter demand has been strong due to feature activity at the retail level and improved demand from the food service industry associated with the current Lenten season. During this period, butter production was keeping pace with demand, thus butter diversions into inventory were lighter. Overall churning activity has been lighter, although cream supplies are somewhat more available this week. On an adjusted daily basis, February butter production in Wisconsin was down 0.2% from February 1999 and 14.3% lower than January. Butter producers and handlers indicate that orders and shipments are strong as the Easter/Passover holiday approaches. Booked orders indicate that shipments next week will be equally strong.

WEST

Bulk and print sales activity from the Western region remains strong. Retail feature activity is moving good volumes of butter. Food service demand is rated as quite good as orders are placed for the Easter demand season. Western plants report no problems in selling butter at this time. Cream offerings to the churns seem to be a little heavier this week compared to the past few weeks. There has been very little CME weekly butter inventory adjustment over the past three weeks. Compared to last year, this is quite early in relation to the Easter season. Adjusted butter production for February compared to a year ago for selected Western states is as follows: California +34.7%, Oregon -7.5%, and Washington +19.2%. Current prices for bulk butter range from 4 cents under to 1 cent under the market based on the CME with various time frames and averages involved.

NASS DAIRY PRODUCT PRICES
 U.S. AVERAGE AND TOTAL POUNDS

WEEK ENDING	CHEESE		NDM	BUTTER	DRY WHEY
	40# BLOCKS	BARRELS 39% MOISTURE			
APRIL 01	1.0976 5,790,706	1.0824 9,910,368	1.0054 29,346,655	1.0425 3,862,247	0.1749 7,951,724

Further data and revisions may be found on the internet at: <http://jan.mannlib.cornell.edu/reports/nassr/price/dairy>

CHEESE MARKETS

NORTHEAST

Prices are mixed and the market tone is unchanged. Cheese production in the East is moderate to heavy. Many producing plants are at or near capacity. Other operations do have capacity and are able to take in milk, but are doing so only if milk prices are attractive enough. Cheddar stocks are more than adequate for the current slow to fair demand. Most distributors are ordering normal week-to-week volumes and retailers are taking replacement volumes. Some cheddar continues to move to aging programs, but producers don't want to put too much away too fast. Mozzarella sales are steady to slightly improved now that spring break is over and schools and universities are back in session. Food service orders are steady to improved.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES: DELIVERED,
DOLLARS PER POUND (1000 - 5000 POUNDS MIXED LOTS)

Cheddar 10# Prints	:	1.1275-1.6175
Cheddar Single Daisies	:	1.1075-1.5675
Cheddar 40# Block	:	1.2525-1.4300
Process 5# Loaf	:	1.3075-1.4700
Process 5# Sliced	:	1.3275-1.5750
Muenster	:	1.3100-1.6125
Grade A Swiss Cuts 10 - 14#	:	2.3500-2.5500

MIDWEST

The cheese market is weak. This week, CCC purchased a load of cheddar blocks from the Midwest under the price support program. This is the first block purchase since June 1997. Current demand remains lackluster with best interest on process, especially where food service promotions are underway. A few producers are noting improved sales, but others are noting spotty sales so far in April. Some seasonal shifting in buyer product mix is occurring, from natural varieties over to process. Offerings of commodity type cheeses are accumulating at some plants and are at least ample for the fair interest. Blue cheese supplies are tight to just adequate. Swiss supplies are about adequate. Cheese production remains seasonally active. Local milk supplies continue to be bolstered with out of area fluid offerings. Cheese production schedules are already at levels generally associated closer with the spring peak. CCC announced its second annual invitations to sell to CCC process, natural American, and mozzarella for various programs. Offers are due April 10. Deliveries are for July 2000 through June 2001.

WISCONSIN WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES: DELIVERED,
DOLLARS PER POUND (1000 - 5000 POUNDS MIXED LOTS)

Process American 5# Loaf	:	1.2675-1.4500
Brick And/Or Muenster 5#	:	1.4200-1.6725
Cheddar 40# Block	:	1.4000-2.1150
Monterey Jack 10#	:	1.5800-2.1150
Blue 5#	:	1.8075-2.0000
Mozzarella 5 - 6# (Low Moisture, Part Skim)	:	1.4600-2.2150
Grade A Swiss Cuts 6 - 9#	:	2.1000-2.6850

MIDWEST COMMODITY CHEDDAR

Dollars per pound, standard moisture basis (37.8-39.0%),
carlot/trucklot, F.O.B. plants or storage centers.

CHEDDAR STYLES : APRIL 3 - 7, 2000

BARRELS*	:	\$1.0925 - 1.1275
	:	(\$.0150) (.0200)
40# BLOCKS	:	\$1.0925 - 1.1325
	:	(-\$.0050) (-.0050)

() Change from previous week. * If steel, barrel returned.

WEST

Process cheese was fractionally lower while natural showed slight strength. Offerings of cheese are heavy and sales activity is fair at best, often slow. A further cloud on the horizon seems to be the amount of off-grade cheese being offered on the market with make dates from mid-December through mid-January. Prices are very reasonable, but interest is very light. Buyers don't feel much need to deal with problem cheese when the overall market is this stable at the price support level. Block cheese was offered to the government price support program this week from the Midwest. This is the first offer since 1997, but heavy volumes have not been offered since 1991. The following figures and changes were adjusted for the extra day in February. Total cheese production for February was 607.6 million pounds, up 2.9% from last year adjusted for the extra day. Output for selected Western states compared to last year is as follows: California +6.6%, Idaho +6.8%, Utah +14.5%, and Washington +26.9%. Swiss output in February totaled 16.9 million pounds, +1.2% from last year.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES: DELIVERED, DOLLARS PER POUND
(1000 - 5000 POUNDS MIXED LOTS)

Process 5# Loaf	:	1.2400-1.5000
Cheddar 40# Block	:	1.2350-1.3750
Cheddar 10# Cuts	:	1.4150-1.6350
Monterey Jack 10#	:	1.4250-1.5850
Grade A Swiss Cuts 6 - 9#	:	2.1500-2.4000

FOREIGN

Prices for domestic styles are fractionally higher with imported unchanged. The market tone is slightly improved as anticipated Easter/Passover needs are being filled. Stocks range from light to adequate depending on country of origin.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES: FOB DISTRIBUTORS DOCK
DOLLARS PER POUND (1000 - 5000 POUNDS MIXED LOTS)

VARIETY	NEW YORK	
	IMPORTED	DOMESTIC
Roquefort	: TFEWR	: -0-
Blue	: 2.6400-3.1400	: 1.4525-2.9475*
Gorgonzola	: 3.2400-5.9400	: 2.0075-2.4900*
Parmesan (Italy)	: TFEWR	: 2.8675-3.3725*
Romano (Italy)	: 2.1000-2.5400	: -0-
Provolone (Italy)	: 3.4400-5.5000	: 1.4675-1.7475*
Romano (Cows Milk)	: -0-	: 2.6325-4.8175*
Sardo Romano (Argentina)	: 2.6500-3.2900	: -0-
Reggianito (Argentina)	: 2.6500-3.2900	: -0-
Jarlsberg-(Brand)	: 2.7400-3.3100	: -0-
Swiss Cuts Switzerland	: -0-	: 2.3500-2.5500
Swiss Cuts Finnish	: 2.5900-2.8500	: -0-
Swiss Cuts Austrian	: 2.2500-2.7500	: -0-
Edam	:	:
2 Pound	: TFEWR	: -0-
4 Pound	: 2.1900-3.0900	: -0-
Gouda, Large	: 2.3900-3.1500	: -0-
Gouda, Baby (\$/Dozen)	:	:
10 Ounce	: 27.8000-31.7000	: -0-

* = Price change.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS
IN THOUSAND POUNDS - INCLUDING GOVERNMENT STOCKS

	BUTTER	CHEESE
04/03/00	25,667	126,431
03/01/00	20,773	122,884
CHANGE	+4,894	+3,547
% CHANGE	+24	+3

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage report of February 29 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings as of April 1 are:

Butter	114 million pounds plus or minus 5.37 percent
Cheese	531 million pounds plus or minus 0.76 percent

FLUID MILK AND CREAM

E A S T

The following are the March Class and component prices under Federal Orders: Class II \$11.71 (up \$.20 from February), Class III \$9.54 (unchanged), and Class IV \$11.00 (up \$.20). These prices are the same for all orders. Product price averages used in computing Class prices are: butter \$0.9497, nonfat dry milk \$1.0094, cheese \$1.1093, and dry whey \$0.1780. The Class II butterfat price is \$1.0261 and the Class III/IV butterfat price is \$1.0191. For informational purposes March 1999 BFP (Class III) was \$11.62. This week, cooler, rainy weather covered most of the region. In some areas, the rain was much needed to help replenish reservoirs and ground moisture. Milk output was little affected by the cooler weather. However, it did tend to keep output from falling in Florida where it had been quite warm late last week. Florida handlers continue to have burdensome supplies and they had to ship about 106 loads out of state for processing. This compares to 110-120 loads last week and 112 loads during the same week last year. Elsewhere, milk output is still rising in most of the Southeast, but the weather did temper gains in some locales. In the Middle Atlantic area milk output is growing a little more noticeably. Milk production in New York and New England is steady to slightly heavier. Bottled milk sales range from steady to slower. Florida's and other Gulf Coast states' milk sales are lighter because winter residents are leaving for their summer homes. Class I sales are also being affected by school vacations. Some states had their schools out last week and others are off this week or next. Surplus milk volumes are in better balance as plants are again operating "up to speed." Most Southern manufacturing facilities are at or near capacity. Northern plants are preparing for the flush and many are already processing more milk than they were at this time last year. The condensed skim market is little changed. Some additional volumes were available last week and this week's spot demand seems slower. The fluid cream market is weaker this week. Supplies are heavier and multiples are often lower. Demand has slowed in most regions. Contacts note that cream cheese output is about steady and often cite slow ice cream production for the easing of cream demand. However, other contacts speculate that the higher prices had more to do with slowing sales than usage. Spot prices are often higher due to the jump in CME butter prices, but multiples are often lower to help offset butter price gains. Cream cheese output is about steady, but some makers are purchasing fewer spot loads and taking only contracted cream. Ice cream production is slowly increasing along seasonal patterns, but because prices jumped so quickly, some makers are limiting spot cream purchases. Also, last week's weather in most of the East was not conducive to ice cream sales. Churning activity is a little heavier this week as more excess cream is available.

FLUID CREAM AND CONDENSED SKIM PRICES IN TANKLOT QUANTITIES

SPOT PRICES OF CLASS II CREAM, \$ PER LB BUTTERFAT

F.O.B. PRODUCING PLANTS: NORTHEAST	-	1.3643-1.5085
DELIVERED EQUIVALENT ATLANTA	-	1.3643-1.6305 M 1.4420-1.4863
F.O.B. PRODUCING PLANTS: UPPER MIDWEST	-	1.4198-1.5284
PRICES OF CONDENSED SKIM, \$ PER LB WET SOLIDS		
F.O.B. PRODUCING PLANTS:		
NORTHEAST- CLASS II - INCLUDES MONTHLY FORMULA PRICES	-	.9900-1.1000
NORTHEAST- CLASS III - SPOT PRICES	-	.8800-1.0000

M I D W E S T

WISCONSIN SPOT SHIPMENTS:

SPOT SHIPMENTS:	LOADS
MARCH 31 - APRIL 6, 2000	0
PREVIOUS WEEK	0
COMPARABLE WEEK IN 1999	0

Class I demand is irregular, generally about steady, though occasionally improved with first of the month promotional activity. Fluid sellers have been

making commitments for manufacturing space for larger volumes through the spring flush period. A few reports of deals made at \$.50 to \$1.00 under class, depending on volume and plant location are noted. Current manufacturing milk interest is holding fairly steady at light to moderate levels. Spot milk prices range from about \$.50 under class to a few at a \$1.00 over, with most in the \$.50 to \$.75 over class area. Cream prices are higher, reflecting last week's increase in cash butter prices at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Ice cream and cream cheese interest is seasonally active. Plant milk intakes are creeping steadily higher week by week with overall intake levels well above year ago levels. Plant operating schedules remain well above year ago levels. Having adequate capacity during the spring flush continues to haunt many plant operators. Dairy herd sellouts continue to show up in farm papers, especially as haymows and silos empty. Neighboring producers and other buyers continue to make cattle purchases. Spring small grain seeding is occurring along with anhydrous application in many areas. Dry soil conditions persist in many areas.

WISCONSIN LIVESTOCK AUCTIONS (PER CWT.)

	MAR 30 - APR 5	PREVIOUS YEAR
SLAUGHTER COWS	\$ 37.00- 42.00	\$ 34.00- 38.50
REPLACEMENT HEIFER CALVES	\$260.00-350.00	\$190.00-255.00

SOUTH ST. PAUL TERMINAL AUCTION MARKET (PER CWT.)

	MAR 30 - APR 5	PREVIOUS YEAR
SLAUGHTER COWS	\$ 35.00- 45.25	\$ 32.00- 43.25

W E S T

The March 4a price (butter/powder) in California is \$11.05, up 58 cents from February but \$1.25 lower than last year. The March 4b (cheese) is \$9.34, up six cents from February but \$2.18 lower than last year. Weather conditions continue to be rated as good for milk production in California. Plants are running at high levels, although plants are sporadically being taken down for scheduled maintenance without causing disruptions. Less milk is coming into the state for processing. Alfalfa harvesting and green chopping continue to trend northward. Pasture growth is good in the far northern milk producing areas. Milk cows are responding favorably. Solids and fat content are higher. New Mexico production is leveling off and indications are that the spring flush peak has been attained and no further increases will occur. Cow numbers remain higher than a year ago. Weather conditions remain favorable for milk production, although higher temperatures may begin to have an impact. Feed conditions are good. Arizona high temperatures are reaching into the 90's. The impact on milk production is being assessed, but little is expected. Milk is being handled better locally. Cream demand is good going into ice cream and moving to holiday items. Multiples are only slightly lower in the mid 110's to upper 120's. Butter churning remains active in the region. Ideal spring weather was common over most of the Pacific Northwest, a few weeks earlier than normal. Many fruit trees are budded out causing concern about a late season frost. Grass silage is being made and some pastures are able to be grazed at this time. Many pastures remain too wet for efficient grazing. Grass growth is very heavy and it will have to be grazed or clipped soon. Milk production is increasing seasonally. Most dairy hay has disappeared from the market and only feeder hay is left. Stocks should be sufficient until new crop hay becomes available in three to four weeks. Culling rates remain very light. Better demand for heifers is noted. Lots of field work is taking place in northern Utah and southern Idaho. Much of the small grain seeding is finished. Alfalfa growth looks good coming out of the winter season. Most hay growers are expecting an earlier than normal first cutting. Irrigation water is projected to be sufficient for the growing season. Herd expansions and new startups in the region seem to be a little slower than last year. Milk growth going into the spring flush is expected to stretch plant capacity. Plant handling capacity has increased somewhat.

CENTRAL AND WEST DRY MILK PRODUCTS

All reports, except California manufacturing plants, were released 04/06/00 and represent FOB Central and Western production areas. Prices represent CL/TL quantities in 50 lb., 100 lb., or 25 kg. bags, spray process, dollars per pound.

NONFAT DRY MILK - CENTRAL

Prices are steady on a weak market. The trade sentiment is not anticipated to change until late summer when supplies from the spring flush diminish. Milk volumes are heavy, especially in areas where schools are in recess for spring break. Plants are generally operating at capacity and struggling to keep up with the heavy milk supplies. The government continues to be the main market for NDM. Spot movement is slow and on an as needed basis into ice cream and cheese facilities. Inventories are heavy. Off grade and rejected CCC product are plentiful. High heat is clearing well into bakery facilities. Some plants are price competitive on high heat and discounting to maintain accounts. Unadjusted production of human food, nonfat dry milk during February 2000 totaled 132.5 million pounds, up 14.5% from February 1999 but 0.8% below January 2000. Month ending stocks, at 163.1 million pounds, are 51.5% above a year ago and 11.5% higher than January 2000.

Includes EXTRA GRADE and GRADE A, low and medium heat

NONFAT DRY MILK: .9900 - 1.0100 MOSTLY: 1.0000 - 1.0100

DRY BUTTERMILK - CENTRAL

Prices are higher on a firm market. Some plants are no longer producing dry buttermilk and opting to clear condensed into ice cream production instead. Inventories are in balance to tight. Demand is fair to good into ice cream and bakery plants. Buyers are generally accepting of price increases, however, interest is somewhat lower compared to last week as buyer stocks increase. Off grade supplies are nearly non-existent at prices just below the range. Unadjusted dry buttermilk production during February 2000 totaled 5.5 million pounds, down 4.3% from February 1999 and 5.4% lower than January 2000. Month ending stocks, at 8.7 million pounds, are 31.7% above last year and 3.7% higher than last month.

BUTTERMILK: .6750 - .7850

DRY WHEY - CENTRAL

Prices are unchanged on a steady to weak market. Supplies are mixed. Some plants are in balance or sold out at steady prices while others report heavy supplies and offerings below the range on multiple load shipments. Supplies may decrease at the end of the month as a number of cheese and whey plants shut down for maintenance. Some producers are offering product at the average into the months ahead. Demand is light to fair, best on regular commitments and into feed facilities. Unadjusted production of human food, dry whey during February 2000 totaled 96.8 million pounds, 15.8% more than February 1999 but 6.3% below January 2000. Month ending stocks, at 39.9 million pounds, are 3.5% below a year ago and 12.5% lower than January 2000.

NONHYGROSCOPIC: .1700 - .1850 MOSTLY: .1700 - .1800

ANIMAL FEED WHEY - CENTRAL

Prices are unchanged to higher on a generally steady market. Trading is light on milk replacer product with supplies in better balance compared to last week. Roller ground production is unchanged. Demand is fair with most product clearing on regular commitments. Interest in delactose is increasing with higher WPC prices. Inquiries are heavy from feed and process cheese facilities. Supplies are in balance to tight. Some producers are unable to fulfill any additional interest and are turning down orders. Hog prices are trending lower while the North Central veal market shows signs of firming. Unadjusted production of animal feed dry whey during February 2000 totaled 6.8 million pounds, 14.1% higher than a year ago and 2.3% more than January 2000. Month ending stocks, at 7.0 million pounds, are 11.7% higher than February 1999 and 12.8% more than last month.

MILK REPLACER: .1300 - .1600

ROLLER GROUND: .1600 - .1825

DELACTOSE (Min. 20% protein): .3050 - .3150

LACTOSE - CENTRAL AND WEST

Prices are unchanged on a mostly steady market. Most contracts have been reported with price increases noted on export markets and decreases noted on the domestic front. Production is generally steady with some plants running behind schedule. Increases in off grade supplies are encouraging feed buyers to bid Extra Grade lactose lower. Extra Grade supplies are mixed with some producers sold out and others running long. Export demand is good on higher mesh sizes. Inquiries are being noted from Canada and Asia. Domestic movement is fair, best on regular commitments. Unadjusted lactose production during February 2000 totaled 39.7 million pounds, up 9.3% from February 1999 but 2.8% below January 2000. Month ending stocks, at 20.7 million pounds, are 15.5% lower than a year ago and 5.7% less than last month. Production totals for selected regions with changes from 1999 include: East North Central, 8.7 million pounds, N.C.; West North Central, 14.8 million pounds, +14.0%; and West, 15.1 million pounds, +13.4%.

Including spot sales and up to 3 month contracts. Mesh size 30 - 100.

EDIBLE: .1800 - .2550 MOSTLY: .1950 - .2050

WHEY PROTEIN CONCENTRATE - CENTRAL AND WEST

Prices are higher on a firm market. Trading continues light given tight supplies. Production is steady with most plants running at capacity. Export demand is strong from Mexico, Canada and Asia. Inquiries from feed and process cheese plants remain heavy with most producers unable to satisfy the extra demand. Some buyers are reporting that high protein product is available in Eastern Europe and New Zealand. Movement of said product is yet to be reported. Condensed and off grade product are clearing well just below the range. Grade A and resale WPC are trading at substantial premiums. Unadjusted production of human food WPC during February 2000 totaled 27.8 million pounds, up 17.4% from February 1999 but 2.2% lower than last month. Manufacturers' end-of-month stocks totaled 16.0 million pounds, 8.3% lower than a year ago and 9.2% below January 2000. Production totals for selected states with changes from 1999 include: California, 7.9 million pounds, +16.4%; Minnesota, 4.5 million pounds, +4.8%; and Wisconsin, 4.0 million pounds, +52.5%.

EXTRA GRADE 34% PROTEIN: .5500 - .5800 MOSTLY: .5600 - .5700

NONFAT DRY MILK - WEST

Low/medium heat prices are unchanged. Buying interest is limited as NDM is available from most sources in and outside the region. The CCC program remains the big outlet for surplus NDM. Drying schedules continue to run heavy and are expected to remain so throughout the spring period. High heat production is higher than recent weeks, reflecting producers filling higher seasonal demand. During the week of March 27 - 31, CCC net purchases totaled 16.9 million pounds of nonfortified NDM from Western, Midwestern, and Eastern sources. U.S. NDM production in February totaled 132.5 million pounds, up 14.5% from last year but 0.8% less than last month. February production in California totaled 60.1 million pounds, up 29.0 from last year, and Washington output totaled 13.9 million pounds, down 5.3% from a year ago. (Numbers not adjusted for extra day in February 2000.) Stocks at the end of February were reported at 163.1 million pounds, up 51.4% from last year and 11.5% higher than last month.

Includes EXTRA GRADE and GRADE A

LOW/MEDIUM HEAT: .9800 - 1.0200 MOSTLY: 1.0000 - 1.0100

HIGH HEAT: 1.0150 - 1.0350

DRY BUTTERMILK - WEST

The buttermilk market continues to firm in generally light trading. Buying interest is more subdued as buyers are resisting some of the higher prices and other buyers have needs met. Stocks are light to moderate. U.S. buttermilk powder production in February totaled 5.5 million pounds, down 4.3% from last year and 5.4% lower than January. (Numbers not adjusted for extra day in February 2000.) Stocks at the end of the month were reported at 8.7 million pounds, up 31.7% from a year earlier and 3.7% above January.

BUTTERMILK: .6200 - .7500 MOSTLY: .6800 - .7000

DRY WHEY - WEST

Western whey prices are steady. The firm undertone noted over the past two weeks has disappeared. The tone has now shifted more closely to a weak undertone. Buying interest, especially from the export trade, is rated as generally quite slow. Buyers are showing little interest in additional powder at this time. Domestic sales are generally steady. There appears to be some added competition from whey from other areas of the country. February whey production for the U.S. adjusted for the extra day totals 93.5 million pounds, up 11.8% from the same time last year. Adjusted output in the Western region was 37.8% above a year earlier. Stocks at the end of the month are 39.9 million pounds, down 3.5% from last year.

NONHYGROSCOPIC: .1650 - .1925 MOSTLY: .1700 - .1775

CALIFORNIA MANUFACTURING PLANTS - NONFAT DRY MILK

WEEK ENDING	PRICE	POUNDS
March 31	\$1.0085	14,314,027
March 24	\$1.0089	15,610,380

Prices are weighted averages for Extra Grade and Grade A Nonfat Dry Milk, f.o.b. California manufacturing plants. Prices for both periods were influenced by effects of long-term contract sales. Compiled by Dairy Marketing Branch, California Department of Food and Agriculture.

NORTHEAST, SOUTHEAST, AND NATIONAL MILK PRODUCTS

All reports represent carlot/trucklot quantities in 50 lb., 100 lb., or 25 kg. bags, spray process, dollars per pound, unless otherwise specified. Delivered Southeast is delivered equivalent Atlanta.

NONFAT DRY MILK - NORTHEAST AND SOUTHEAST

Prices are steady to higher and the market tone is unchanged. Many Eastern producers have adopted a different marketing strategy and prices have moved above a dollar. Other producers are maintaining current pricing levels. Producer stocks are moderate to heavy. Eastern NDM continues to be offered to CCC. Commercial demand is slow to fair. Buyers see little need to purchase too far ahead. Production levels range from steady to up slightly from last week. Production of human food, nonfat dry milk during February 2000 (unadjusted for leap year) totaled 132.5 million pounds, up 14.5% from February 1999 but 0.8% below January 2000. Month ending stocks, at 163.1 million pounds, are 51.5% above a year ago and 11.5% more than a month ago.

Includes EXTRA GRADE AND GRADE A

F.O.B. NORTHEAST:

LOW/MEDIUM HEAT: 1.0000 - 1.0300 MOSTLY: 1.0000 - 1.0200

HIGH HEAT: 1.0400 - 1.0800 MOSTLY: 1.0400 - 1.0600

DELVD SOUTHEAST:

ALL HEATS: 1.0300 - 1.1100

DRY BUTTERMILK - NORTHEAST AND SOUTHEAST

Prices are unchanged to higher within the range. The market tone is mostly steady. Churning activity and buttermilk drying is up slightly. Plant stocks are balanced for the steady demand. Dry buttermilk production during February 2000 (unadjusted for leap year) totaled 5.5 million pounds, down 4.3% from February 1999 and 5.4% less than January 2000. Month ending stocks, at 8.7 million pounds, are 31.7% more than a year ago and 3.7% above last month.

F.O.B. NORTHEAST: .7000 - .7400

DELVD SOUTHEAST: .6800 - .7550

DRY WHOLE MILK - NATIONAL

Prices are steady to higher and the market tone is steady. Production is geared to meeting orders. Plant stocks are light. Domestic, spot demand is slow to fair. Contract deliveries are steady. The USDA, FAS, announced that an additional 8,232 MT of whole milk powder will be made available for awards under DEIP. This additional whole milk powder will be available for offers until June 30, 2000. It will be made operational along with the last quarterly allocation of 6,277 metric tons of NDM. Dry whole milk production during February 2000 (unadjusted for leap year) totaled 11.6 million pounds, up 12.1% from February 1999 but 32.1% above January 2000. Month ending stocks, at 8.0 million pounds, are 28.1% above a year ago and 43.3% more than last month.

F.O.B. PRODUCING PLANT: 1.1375 - 1.2500

DEIP BID ACCEPTANCE SUMMARY

JULY 1, 1999 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2000

WITH CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS REPORT

NONFAT DRY MILK	--	86,929 MT (191,643,673 LBS)
CHANGE	--	230 MT (507,058 LBS)
WHOLE MILK POWDER	--	9,677 MT (21,333,914 LBS)
CHEESE	--	1,668 MT (3,677,273 LBS)
CHANGE	--	45 MT (99,207 LBS)
BUTTERFAT	--	5,263 MT (11,602,809 LBS)

Allocations for the DEIP year beginning July 1, 1999, are: Nonfat dry milk - 76,207 MT; Whole Milk Powder - 2,518 MT; Cheese - 3,190 MT; Butterfat - 25,475 MT. These DEIP allocations are in addition to balances still available from quantities announced on May 13, 1999; 25,177 MT of Nonfat Dry Milk (to be filled in roughly equal quarterly amounts during the GATT-year beginning July 1, 1999), 7,500 MT of dry whole milk, and 1,270 MT of cheese.

DRY WHEY - NORTHEAST AND SOUTHEAST

Prices are steady and the market tone is steady to slightly firmer. Eastern producers report tight supplies. Both Extra Grade and Grade A producers report that stocks are tight and they are taking orders for delivery in late-April or mid-May. Domestic demand is just fair. Export interest is waning for some producers, steady with others. Animal feed, dry whey sales are steady. Production of human food, dry whey during February 2000 (unadjusted for leap year) totaled 96.8 million pounds, 15.8% more than February 1999 but 6.3% below January 2000. Month ending stocks, at 39.9 million pounds, are 3.5% below last year and 12.5% less than a month ago.

F.O.B. NORTHEAST: EXTRA GRADE .1750 - .1850

USPH GRADE A .1850 - .1950

DELVD SOUTHEAST: .1950 - .2200

EVAPORATED MILK - NATIONAL

Prices and the market tone are unchanged. Production levels are steady. Producer stocks are well balanced to meet the generally slow to fair demand. Canned evaporated milk production during February 2000 (unadjusted for leap year) totaled 29.8 million pounds, 4.6% more than February 1999 but 5.4% less than January 2000. Month ending stocks, at 37.5 million pounds, are 12.8% less than a year ago and 2.8% below last month.

DOLLARS PER 48 - 12 FLUID OUNCE CANS PER CASE DELIVERED MAJOR U.S. CITIES \$21.00 - 33.00

Excluding promotional and other sales allowances. Included new price announcements.

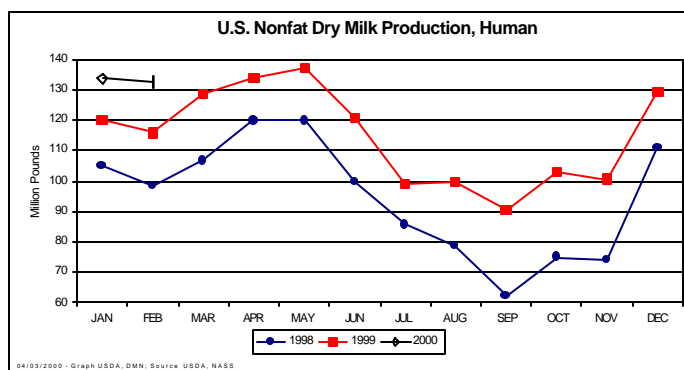
CASEIN - NATIONAL

Casein markets remain firm with prices unchanged to higher. Stocks of acid and rennet continue to be reported as tight. Domestic buyers indicate that acid is very limited. For the most part, New Zealand's stocks are fully committed with European stocks very low. In Europe, the new production season is just starting and producers indicate that it is too early to project availability for the future. Even with production on the rise, it will be at least six weeks before new production reaches U.S. shores. Higher priced skim milk powder and limited supplies have some casein producers and handlers concerned about milk availability during the upcoming production season for their needs. During January, 7,486,053 kg of casein were imported into the United States. This monthly total was 53% heavier than the comparable month last year.

SPOT SALES AND UP TO 3 MONTH CONTRACTS. PRICES ARE FOR EDIBLE NONRESTRICTED AND VARY ACCORDING TO MESH SIZE AND QUALITY.

RENNET: 2.0000 - 2.2000

ACID: 2.0500 - 2.2000



COMMODITY	REPORT NUMBER 9	REPORT NUMBER 10	REPORT NUMBER 11	REPORT NUMBER 12	REPORT NUMBER 13	2000	1999
	MAR 01 - 03	MAR 06 - 10	MAR 13 - 17	MAR 20 - 24	MAR 27 - 31	Average or Total	Average or Total
CHEESE							
MIDWEST COMMODITY CHeddar							
-- Cheddar Barrel s	1.0900 - 1.1125	1.0975 - 1.1175	1.0700 - 1.1125	1.0725 - 1.1075	1.0775 - 1.1075	1.0961	1.2947
-- Cheddar 40# Blocks	1.0950 - 1.1275	1.1100 - 1.1450	1.1100 - 1.1475	1.0950 - 1.1450	1.0975 - 1.1375	1.1218	1.3400
WISCONSIN (WSP, Delivered, LTL)							
-- Process American 5# Loaf	1.2600 - 1.4700	1.2625 - 1.4700	1.2625 - 1.4700	1.2625 - 1.4700	1.2625 - 1.4700	1.3661	1.6670
-- Brick And/or Muenster 5#	1.4300 - 1.6650	1.4300 - 1.6750	1.4300 - 1.6775	1.4300 - 1.6750	1.4300 - 1.6675	1.5513	1.8091
-- Cheddar 40# Block	1.4100 - 2.1150	1.4100 - 2.1150	1.4100 - 2.1150	1.4100 - 2.1150	1.4100 - 2.1150	1.7625	1.8538
-- Monterey Jack 10#	1.5900 - 2.1150	1.5900 - 2.1150	1.5900 - 2.1150	1.5900 - 2.1150	1.5900 - 2.1150	1.8525	1.9488
-- Blue 5#	1.8000 - 2.0100	1.8100 - 2.0100	1.8125 - 2.0100	1.8100 - 2.0100	1.8025 - 2.0100	1.9088	2.1379
-- Mozzarella 1/2 - 6#	1.4800 - 2.2150	1.4800 - 2.2150	1.4800 - 2.2150	1.4800 - 2.2150	1.4800 - 2.2150	1.8475	1.9388
-- Grade A Swiss Cuts 6 - 9#	2.1000 - 2.6850	2.1000 - 2.6850	2.1000 - 2.6850	2.1000 - 2.6850	2.1000 - 2.6850	2.3925	2.6125
NORTHEAST (WSP, Delivered, LTL)							
-- Cheddar 10# Prints	1.1200 - 1.6100	1.1300 - 1.6200	1.1325 - 1.6225	1.1300 - 1.6200	1.1225 - 1.6125	1.3726	1.5738
-- Cheddar Single Daisies	1.1000 - 1.5600	1.1100 - 1.5700	1.1125 - 1.5725	1.1100 - 1.5700	1.1025 - 1.5625	1.3376	1.5600
-- Cheddar 40# Block	1.2450 - 1.4225	1.2550 - 1.4325	1.2575 - 1.4350	1.2550 - 1.4325	1.2475 - 1.4250	1.3414	1.5450
-- Process 5# Loaf	1.3100 - 1.4725	1.3125 - 1.4750	1.3075 - 1.4700	1.3125 - 1.4750	1.3125 - 1.4750	1.3923	1.5596
-- Process 5# Sliced	1.3300 - 1.5775	1.3325 - 1.5800	1.3275 - 1.5750	1.3325 - 1.5800	1.3325 - 1.5800	1.4548	1.6201
-- Muenster	1.3025 - 1.6050	1.3125 - 1.6150	1.3150 - 1.6175	1.3125 - 1.6150	1.3050 - 1.6075	1.4614	1.6613
-- Grade A Swiss Cuts 10 - 14#	2.3500 - 2.5500	2.3500 - 2.5500	2.3500 - 2.5500	2.3500 - 2.5500	2.3500 - 2.5500	2.4500	2.4500
WEST COAST (WSP, Delivered, LTL)							
-- Process 5# Loaf	1.2550 - 1.5150	1.2550 - 1.5150	1.2500 - 1.5100	1.2450 - 1.5050	1.2450 - 1.5050	1.3796	1.5741
-- Cheddar 40# Block	1.2275 - 1.3675	1.2375 - 1.3775	1.2375 - 1.3775	1.2375 - 1.3775	1.2300 - 1.3700	1.3046	1.5225
-- Cheddar 10# Cuts	1.4075 - 1.6275	1.4175 - 1.6375	1.4175 - 1.6375	1.4175 - 1.6375	1.4100 - 1.6300	1.5246	1.7475
-- Monterey Jack 10#	1.4175 - 1.5775	1.4275 - 1.5875	1.4275 - 1.5875	1.4275 - 1.5875	1.4200 - 1.5800	1.5046	1.7388
-- Grade A Swiss Cuts 6 - 9#	2.1500 - 2.4000	2.1500 - 2.4000	2.1500 - 2.4000	2.1500 - 2.4000	2.1500 - 2.4000	2.2750	2.3900
FLUID AND DRY PRODUCTS							
SPOT PRICES OF CLASS II CREAM (\$ per lb. butterfat)							
-- Northeast - f.o.b	1.1236 - 1.2640	1.1680 - 1.3140	1.2271 - 1.3744	1.2250 - 1.3720	1.2990 - 1.5207	1.2970	1.6187
-- Atlanta - divd. equiv.	1.1048 - 1.2172	1.1680 - 1.3042	1.2173 - 1.3547	1.2152 - 1.3524	1.2886 - 1.4133	1.2725	1.6252
-- Upper Midwest - f.o.b	1.1891 - 1.2359	1.2610 - 1.2945	1.2664 - 1.2958	1.2642 - 1.3524	1.3302 - 1.5318	1.3099	1.6486
PRICES OF CLASS II CONDENSED SKIM (\$ per lb. wet solids)							
-- Northeast - f.o.b	0.9900 - 1.1500	0.9900 - 1.1200	0.9900 - 1.1000	0.9900 - 1.1000	0.9900 - 1.1000	1.0504	1.3467
SPOT PRICES OF CLASS III CONDENSED SKIM (\$ per lb. wet solids)							
-- Northeast - f.o.b	0.9000 - 1.0000	0.8800 - 1.0000	0.8800 - 1.0000	0.8800 - 1.0000	0.8800 - 1.0000	0.9413	TFEWR
WISCONSIN FLUID MILK SHIPMENTS							
-- Loads Shipped from Wisconsin Shipping Points	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NATIONAL EVAPORATED MILK (\$ per Case) (Case - 48 - 12 fluid oz cans)							
-- Delivered Major U.S. Cities	21.0000						

MONTHLY SUMMARY AND AVERAGES FOR MARCH 2000 1/ - (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, PRICES ARE DOLLARS PER POUND, CL/TL)

COMMODITY	REPORT NUMBER 9	REPORT NUMBER 10	REPORT NUMBER 11	REPORT NUMBER 12	REPORT NUMBER 13	2000	1999
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	MAR 01 - 03	MAR 06 - 10	MAR 13 - 17	MAR 20 - 24	MAR 27 - 31	or Total	or Total
DRY PRODUCTS							
NONFAT DRY MILK							
-- Central (f.o.b.)							
-- Low/Medium Heat	:: 0.9900 - 1.0150	:: 0.9900 - 1.0150	:: 0.9900 - 1.0100	:: 0.9900 - 1.0100	:: 0.9900 - 1.0100	:: 1.0009	:: 1.0239
-- Mostly	:: 1.0000 - 1.0100	:: 1.0000 - 1.0100	:: 1.0000 - 1.0100	:: 1.0000 - 1.0100	:: 1.0000 - 1.0100	:: 1.0050	:: 1.0168
-- West (f.o.b.)							
-- Low/Medium Heat	:: 0.9800 - 1.0200	:: 0.9800 - 1.0200	:: 0.9800 - 1.0200	:: 0.9800 - 1.0200	:: 0.9800 - 1.0200	:: 1.0000	:: 1.0100
-- Mostly	:: 1.0000 - 1.0100	:: 1.0000 - 1.0100	:: 1.0000 - 1.0100	:: 1.0000 - 1.0100	:: 1.0000 - 1.0100	:: 1.0050	:: 1.0093
-- High Heat	:: 1.0100 - 1.0400	:: 1.0100 - 1.0400	:: 1.0100 - 1.0400	:: 1.0150 - 1.0350	:: 1.0150 - 1.0350	:: 1.0250	:: 1.0393
-- Northeast (f.o.b.)							
-- Low/Medium Heat	:: 1.0000 - 1.0300	:: 1.0000 - 1.0300	:: 0.9900 - 1.0300	:: 0.9900 - 1.0300	:: 0.9900 - 1.0300	:: 1.0117	:: 1.0361
-- Mostly	:: 1.0000 - 1.0100	:: 1.0000 - 1.0100	:: 1.0000 - 1.0100	:: 1.0000 - 1.0100	:: 1.0000 - 1.0100	:: 1.0050	:: 1.0333
-- High Heat	:: 1.0350 - 1.0950	:: 1.0350 - 1.0900	:: 1.0350 - 1.0900	:: 1.0350 - 1.0850	:: 1.0400 - 1.0800	:: 1.0617	:: 1.0937
-- Mostly	:: 1.0400 - 1.0600	:: 1.0400 - 1.0600	:: 1.0400 - 1.0600	:: 1.0400 - 1.0600	:: 1.0400 - 1.0600	:: 1.0500	:: 1.0833
-- Southeast (Delvd)							
-- Extra & Grade A	:: 1.0300 - 1.1150	:: 1.0300 - 1.1150	:: 1.0300 - 1.1150	:: 1.0300 - 1.1150	:: 1.0300 - 1.1100	:: 1.0720	:: 1.0900
WHEY POWDER (Nonhygroscopic)							
-- Central (f.o.b.)							
-- Mostly	:: 0.1700 - 0.1850	:: 0.1675 - 0.1850	:: 0.1700 - 0.1850	:: 0.1700 - 0.1850	:: 0.1700 - 0.1850	:: 0.1772	:: 0.1863
-- West (f.o.b.)							
-- Mostly	:: 0.1700 - 0.1800	:: 0.1700 - 0.1800	:: 0.1700 - 0.1800	:: 0.1700 - 0.1800	:: 0.1700 - 0.1800	:: 0.1750	:: 0.1847
-- Northeast Extra Grade (f.o.b.)	:: 0.1650 - 0.1900	:: 0.1650 - 0.1900	:: 0.1650 - 0.1900	:: 0.1650 - 0.1925	:: 0.1650 - 0.1925	:: 0.1780	:: 0.1963
-- Mostly	:: 0.1700 - 0.1775	:: 0.1700 - 0.1775	:: 0.1700 - 0.1775	:: 0.1700 - 0.1775	:: 0.1700 - 0.1775	:: 0.1738	:: 0.1921
-- Northeast Extra Grade (f.o.b.)	:: 0.1750 - 0.1850	:: 0.1750 - 0.1850	:: 0.1750 - 0.1850	:: 0.1750 - 0.1850	:: 0.1750 - 0.1850	:: 0.1800	:: 0.1821
-- Northeast Usph Grade A (f.o.b.)	:: 0.1850 - 0.1950	:: 0.1850 - 0.1950	:: 0.1850 - 0.1950	:: 0.1850 - 0.1950	:: 0.1850 - 0.1950	:: 0.1900	:: 0.2020
-- Southeast Extra Grade (Delvd)	:: 0.1950 - 0.2200	:: 0.1950 - 0.2200	:: 0.1950 - 0.2200	:: 0.1950 - 0.2200	:: 0.1950 - 0.2200	:: 0.2075	:: 0.2175
WHEY PROTEIN CONCENTRATE							
-- Central And West (f.o.b.)							
-- Extra Grade 34% Protein	:: 0.4700 - 0.5000	:: 0.4750 - 0.5225	:: 0.4950 - 0.5300	:: 0.5100 - 0.5400	:: 0.5300 - 0.5800	:: 0.5179	:: 0.4873
-- Mostly	:: 0.4800 - 0.4850	:: 0.4925 - 0.5075	:: 0.5000 - 0.5200	:: 0.5200 - 0.5400	:: 0.5400 - 0.5600	:: 0.5173	:: 0.4873
ANIMAL FEED - WHEY							
-- Central (f.o.b.)							
-- Milk Replacer	:: 0.1300 - 0.1675	:: 0.1300 - 0.1675	:: 0.1300 - 0.1675	:: 0.1300 - 0.1675	:: 0.1300 - 0.1600	:: 0.1479	:: 0.1584
-- Standard	:: TFEWR	:: TFEWR	:: TFEWR	:: TFEWR	:: TFEWR	:: TFEWR	:: TFEWR
-- Roller Ground	:: 0.1600 - 0.1825	:: 0.1600 - 0.1825	:: 0.1600 - 0.1825	:: 0.1600 - 0.1825	:: 0.1600 - 0.1825	:: 0.1713	:: 0.2013
-- Dextrose	:: 0.2600 - 0.3150	:: 0.2600 - 0.3150	:: 0.2875 - 0.3150	:: 0.2875 - 0.3150	:: 0.3000 - 0.3150	:: 0.2978	:: 0.3225
-- Northeast (f.o.b.)							
-- Milk Replacer	:: TFEWR	:: TFEWR	:: TFEWR	:: TFEWR	:: TFEWR	:: TFEWR	:: TFEWR
BUTTERMILK (Min. 30% protein)							
-- Central (f.o.b.)							
-- West (f.o.b.)	:: 0.5500 - 0.6400	:: 0.5700 - 0.6400	:: 0.5700 - 0.6400	:: 0.6100 - 0.7200	:: 0.6100 - 0.7400	:: 0.6320	:: 0.6944
-- Mostly	:: 0.6000 - 0.6100	:: 0.6000 - 0.6100	:: 0.6000 - 0.6100	:: 0.6300 - 0.6500	:: 0.6500 - 0.6900	:: 0.6267	:: 0.7028
-- Northeast (f.o.b.)	:: 0.6800 - 0.7400	:: 0.6800 - 0.7400	:: 0.6800 - 0.7400	:: 0.6800 - 0.7400	:: 0.7000 - 0.7400	:: 0.7122	:: 0.7244
-- Southeast (Delvd)	:: 0.6700 - 0.7625	:: 0.6700 - 0.7625	:: 0.6700 - 0.7625	:: 0.6700 - 0.7550	:: 0.6800 - 0.7550	:: 0.7157	:: 0.7425
WHOLE MILK POWDER							
-- National							
-- National (f.o.b.)	:: 1.0700 - 1.2500	:: 1.0700 - 1.2500	:: 1.0700 - 1.2500	:: 1.0700 - 1.2500	:: 1.0700 - 1.2500	:: 1.1600	:: 1.2937
LACTOSE							
-- Central And West (f.o.b.)							
-- Mostly	:: 0.1800 - 0.2500	:: 0.1800 - 0.2500	:: 0.1800 - 0.2500	:: 0.1800 - 0.2500	:: 0.1800 - 0.2550	:: 0.2155	:: 0.1780
	:: 0.1950 - 0.2050	:: 0.1950 - 0.2050	:: 0.1950 - 0.2050	:: 0.1950 - 0.2050	:: 0.1950 - 0.2050	:: 0.2000	:: 0.1672
CASEIN - Edible - National (f.o.b.)							
-- Nonrestricted - Rennet	:: 1.9000 - 2.1000	:: 1.9000 - 2.1000	:: 1.9000 - 2.1000	:: 2.0000 - 2.2000	:: 2.0000 - 2.2000	:: 2.0435	:: 1.9593
-- Nonrestricted - Acid	:: 1.9000 - 2.1500	:: 1.9000 - 2.1500	:: 1.9000 - 2.1500	:: 2.0000 - 2.1800	:: 2.0000 - 2.1800	:: 2.0533	:: 1.9500

1/ Prices for all products are issued once a week and represent a value for the entire week. Monthly averages are based on weekly prices and are time-weighted according to the number of workdays in the month - Saturdays, Sundays and National Holidays excluded. No monthly average is computed if one or more weekly prices are missing.

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE AVERAGES FOR MARCH 2000

COMMODITY	REPORT NUMBER 9	REPORT NUMBER 10	REPORT NUMBER 11	REPORT NUMBER 12	REPORT NUMBER 13	2000 *	1999 *
	MAR 1 - 3	MAR 6 - 10	MAR 13 - 17	MAR 20 - 24	MAR 27 - 31	Monthly Average	Monthly Average
BUTTER*							
-- GRADE AA							
--Monday		0.9800	0.9800	0.9850	1.1100		
--Tuesday							
--Wednesday	0.9800	0.9825	0.9800	1.0225	1.1100		
--Thursday							
--Friday	0.9700	0.9825	0.9800	1.1100	1.1075	1.0200	1.2927 #
--Weekly Average**	0.9733	0.9817	0.9800	1.0392	1.1092		
CHEESE*							
-- BARRELS							
--Monday		1.1025	1.0900	1.0925	1.0900		
--Tuesday		1.1000	1.0900	1.0925	1.0875		
--Wednesday	1.1025	1.0975	1.0900	1.0925	1.0875		
--Thursday	1.1025	1.0950	1.0950	1.0925	1.0875		
--Friday	1.1025	1.0900	1.0925	1.0925	1.0875	1.0936	1.2964
--Weekly Average**	1.1020	1.0970	1.0915	1.0925	1.0880		
-- 40# BLOCKS							
--Monday		1.1200	1.1175	1.1100	1.1125		
--Tuesday		1.1175	1.1150	1.1050	1.1125		
--Wednesday	1.1150	1.1175	1.1150	1.1100	1.1125		
--Thursday	1.1200	1.1175	1.1150	1.1075	1.1125		
--Friday	1.1200	1.1175	1.1125	1.1050	1.1125	1.1139	1.3300
--Weekly Average**	1.1160	1.1180	1.1150	1.1075	1.1125		
NONFAT DRY MILK*							
-- EXTRA GRADE							
--Monday		1.0300	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300		
--Tuesday		1.0300	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300		
--Wednesday	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300		
--Thursday	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300		
--Friday	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300	1.0290
--Weekly Average**	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300		
-- GRADE A							
--Monday		1.0300	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300		
--Tuesday		1.0300	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300		
--Wednesday	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300		
--Thursday	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300		
--Friday	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300	1.0500
--Weekly Average**	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300		

* Monthly averages are a simple average of all the closes during the month. Weekly and monthly averages are independent calculations.

** Weekly averages are simple averages of the closes during the calendar week and are for information purposes. Should the week be split between two months, the weekly average will appear in the monthly report in which the Friday close is reported.

For informational purposes, year ago averages were time weighted for use in Federal orders and not the same method currently used for CME averages.

CORRECTION: The January and February 1999 CME butter averages shown in reports 05 and 09 should be: January 1999 - \$1.4222 and February 1999 - \$1.3153.

M A R C H 2000 DEIP BID ACCEPTANCES

ACCEPTANCE DATE	DESTINATION	QUANTITY (MT)	DEL. PERIOD	BONUS/MT
NONFAT DRY MILK				
JULY 1999 - FEBRUARY 2000		85,642		
03/03	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	350	MAR-APR	\$650
03/03	AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST	40	MAR-JUN	\$695
03/07	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	20	MAR-APR	\$675
03/09	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	80	MAR-JUN	\$675
03/10	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	82	MAR-MAY	\$661.50
03/17	AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST	20	MAR-JUN	\$695
03/21	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	15	MAR-APR	\$675
03/23	AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST	100	MAR-JUL	\$695
03/23	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	70	MAR-MAY	\$675
03/24	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	280	MAR-SEP	\$675
03/28	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	100	MAR-SEP	\$675
03/29	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	20	MAR-MAY	\$650
03/30	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	95	MAR-MAY	\$650
03/31	AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST	15	MAR-JUN	\$695
MARCH 1-31, 2000		<u>1,287</u>		
WHOLE MILK POWDER				
JULY 1999 - FEBRUARY 2000		9,677		
	PROGRAM ALLOCATION FILLED			
MARCH 1 - 31, 2000		<u>0</u>		
CHEESE				
JULY 1999 - FEBRUARY 2000		1,536		
03/03-M	AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST	88	MAR-JUN	\$752
03/30-P	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	45	APR-MAY	\$618
MARCH 1 - 31, 2000		<u>133</u>		
C-CHEDDAR, G-GOUDA, M-MOZZARELLA, P-PROCESSED AMERICAN, CC-CREAM CHEESE, MJ-MONTEREY JACK, V - VARIETAL				
BUTTERFAT				
JULY 1999 - FEBRUARY 2000		5,012		
03/01-A	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	231	MAR-AUG	\$1,550
03/03-B	AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST	20	MAR-JUN	\$1,035
MARCH 1 - 31, 2000		<u>251</u>		
A-ANHYDROUS MILKFAT, B-BUTTER				
TOTAL MT				PROGRAM TO DATE
TOTAL BONUS VALUE				103,537
				\$100,996.000

Exporters of U.S. milk powder, butterfat and cheddar cheese are aided under the Dairy Export Incentive Program (DEIP), created by Food Security Act of 1985 and extended by the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990. Export sales are facilitated through payment of bonuses by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation. Sales of dairy products will be made through normal commercial channels at competitive world prices. For further information call L.T. McElvain (202) 720-6211. Conversion: 1 metric ton (MT) = 2,204.6 pounds. **SOURCE: FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE**

** On May 13, 1999, Sec. Glickman reallocated an additional 20,000 MT of NDM, 7,500 MT of Whole Milk Powder & 1,270 MT of Cheese for the current program year.

MARCH AGRICULTURAL PRICES HIGHLIGHTS

The index of prices paid by farmers for commodities and services, interest, taxes, and wage rates in March 2000 advanced 1 point to 120. Compared with March 1999, the index was up 5 points (4.3 percent). The index of prices received by farmers for dairy products was unchanged during the month of March 2000 at 90. Compared with March 1999, the index was down 25 points (21.7 percent).

Prices received by farmers in March with changes from February were: for All Milk, \$11.80 per hundredweight (cwt.), unchanged; Fluid Grade Milk, 11.90 per cwt., unchanged; and for Manufacturing Grade Milk, \$10.20 per cwt., unchanged.

SELECTED MILK PRICES, COWS AND DAIRY FEED PRICES, SELECTED STATES AND U.S., MARCH 2000 WITH COMPARISONS

STATE	All-milk price 1/ 3/				Milk cows 5/		Cows 6/		All hay baled 7/	
	Dollars per cwt.		Dollars per cwt.		Dollars per head		Dollars per cwt.		Dollars per ton	
	FEBRUARY		MARCH		MARCH		MARCH		MARCH	
	2000 2/	1999 2/	2000 4/	1999 2/	2000	1999	2000 7/	1999 8/	2000	1999
CA	11.00	15.39	10.90	13.49	PRICES PUBLISHED JANUARY, APRIL, JULY AND OCTOBER		36.50	35.40	91.00	97.00
ID	10.40	12.00	10.40	12.70			37.90	33.60	86.00	77.00
MI	12.40	16.80	12.50	16.50			41.00	34.00	67.00	85.00
MN	11.22	13.47	11.20	13.68			40.00	35.60	56.00	69.00
NY	12.70	15.80	12.80	15.80			---	---	118.00	101.00
OH	12.30	17.10	12.20	16.40			38.00	35.00	109.00	87.00
PA	12.90	17.10	12.90	16.80			38.40	35.60	133.00	106.00
TX	13.20	15.90	12.90	15.50			38.20	33.10	66.00	82.00
WA	11.70	15.20	12.00	15.10			---	---	101.00	83.00
WI	11.20	13.14	11.20	13.88			40.20	35.70	43.00	61.00
U.S.	11.80	15.50	11.80	15.00			38.60	35.20	74.80	78.50

1/ Prices are shown at reported butterfat test. 2/ Partially revised. 3/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 4/ Preliminary. 5/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. 6/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 7/ Mid-month price. 8/ Entire month.

MILK AND OTHER GENERAL PRICE MEASURES, U.S., MARCH 2000 WITH COMPARISONS

ITEM	MARCH 1999	FEBRUARY 2000 1/	MARCH 2000 2/
PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS , dol. per cwt., 3.5 percent butterfat:			
All milk	15.00	11.80	11.80
Fluid grade milk	15.10	11.90	11.90
Manufacturing grade milk	12.30	10.20	10.20
INDEX NUMBERS (1990-92=100):			
Prices received by farmers for all farm products	96	92	96
Prices received by farmers for dairy products	115	90	90
Prices paid by farmers for commodities and services, interest taxes, and wage rates	115	119	120
Prices paid by farmers for production items	111	116	117
Prices paid by farmers for feed	101	105	109
MILK FEED PRICE RATIO: Pounds of 16% Mixed Dairy Feed equal in value to one pound of milk 3/	3.57	2.93	2.88

1/ Partially revised. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ For this data series, the price of the commercial prepared feed is based on current U.S. prices received for corn, soybeans, and alfalfa hay.

SOURCE: "Agricultural Prices," Pr 1 (3/00), Agricultural Statistics Board, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

FEDERAL MILK ORDER CLASS AND COMPONENT PRICES, MARCH

Component Price Information: Under the new Federal milk order pricing system, the butterfat price for March 2000 is \$1.0191 per pound. Thus, the Class II butterfat price is \$1.0261. The protein and other solids prices for March are \$1.9166 and \$0.0424 per pound, respectively. These component prices set the Class III skim milk price at \$6.19 per cwt. The March Class IV skim milk price is \$7.70 which is derived from the nonfat solids price of \$0.8553 per pound.

Product Price Averages: The product price averages for March are; butter \$0.9497, nonfat dry milk \$1.0094, cheese \$1.1093, and dry whey \$0.1780.

FEDERAL MILK ORDER MINIMUM CLASS PRICES FOR MILK OF 3.5 PERCENT BUTTERFAT <u>1/</u> <u>2/</u>						
FEDERAL MILK ORDER MARKETING AREAS <u>3/</u>	ORDER NUMBER	MARCH 2000				APRIL 2000
		CLASS I	CLASS II	CLASS III	CLASS IV	CLASS I
		DOLLARS PER 100 POUNDS				
Northeast (Boston) <u>4/</u>	001	14.09	11.71	9.54	11.00	14.18
Appalachian (Charlotte) <u>5/</u>	005	13.94	11.71	9.54	11.00	14.03
Southeast (Atlanta) <u>6/</u>	007	13.94	11.71	9.54	11.00	14.03
Florida (Tampa) <u>7/</u>	006	14.84	11.71	9.54	11.00	14.93
Mideast (Cleveland) <u>8/</u>	033	12.84	11.71	9.54	11.00	12.93
Upper Midwest (Chicago) <u>9/</u>	030	12.64	11.71	9.54	11.00	12.73
Central (Kansas City) <u>10/</u>	032	12.84	11.71	9.54	11.00	12.93
Southwest (Dallas) <u>11/</u>	126	13.84	11.71	9.54	11.00	13.93
Arizona-Las Vegas (Phoenix) <u>12/</u>	131	13.19	11.71	9.54	11.00	13.28
Western (Salt Lake City) <u>13/</u>	135	12.74	11.71	9.54	11.00	12.83
Pacific Northwest (Seattle) <u>14/</u>	124	12.74	11.71	9.54	11.00	12.83
All-Market Average	---	13.42	11.71	9.54	11.00	13.51

1/ To convert the Class I price per 100 pounds to the Class I price per gallon, divide 11.63--the approximate number of gallons in 100 pounds of milk.

2/ Note: The mandatory \$0.20 per cwt. processor assessment under the Fluid Milk Promotion Order is not included in the Class I prices shown on this table.

3/ Names in parentheses are principal pricing points of markets.

4/ Class I prices at other points are: New York City, minus \$0.10; Philadelphia, minus \$0.20; Baltimore, minus \$0.25; and Washington, DC, minus \$0.25.

5/ Class I prices at other points are: Knoxville, minus \$0.30 and Louisville, minus \$0.90.

6/ Class I prices at other points are: New Orleans; plus \$0.50; Memphis, minus \$0.30; Nashville, minus \$0.50; and Springfield, Mo., minus \$0.90.

7/ Class I prices at other points are: Orlando, same; Miami, plus \$0.30; and Jacksonville, minus \$0.30.

8/ Class I prices at other points are: Indianapolis, same; Cincinnati, plus \$0.20; Pittsburgh, plus \$0.10; and Detroit, minus \$0.20.

9/ Class I prices at other points are: Milwaukee, minus \$0.05; and Minneapolis, minus \$0.10.

10/ Class I prices at other points are: Des Moines, minus \$0.20; Omaha, minus \$0.15; Oklahoma City, plus \$0.60; St. Louis, same; and Denver, plus \$0.55.

11/ Class I prices at other points are: Houston, plus \$0.60; San Antonio, plus \$0.45; Albuquerque, minus \$0.65; and El Paso, minus \$0.75.

12/ Class I price at Las Vegas is minus \$0.35.

FEBRUARY 2000 DAIRY PRODUCTS HIGHLIGHTS

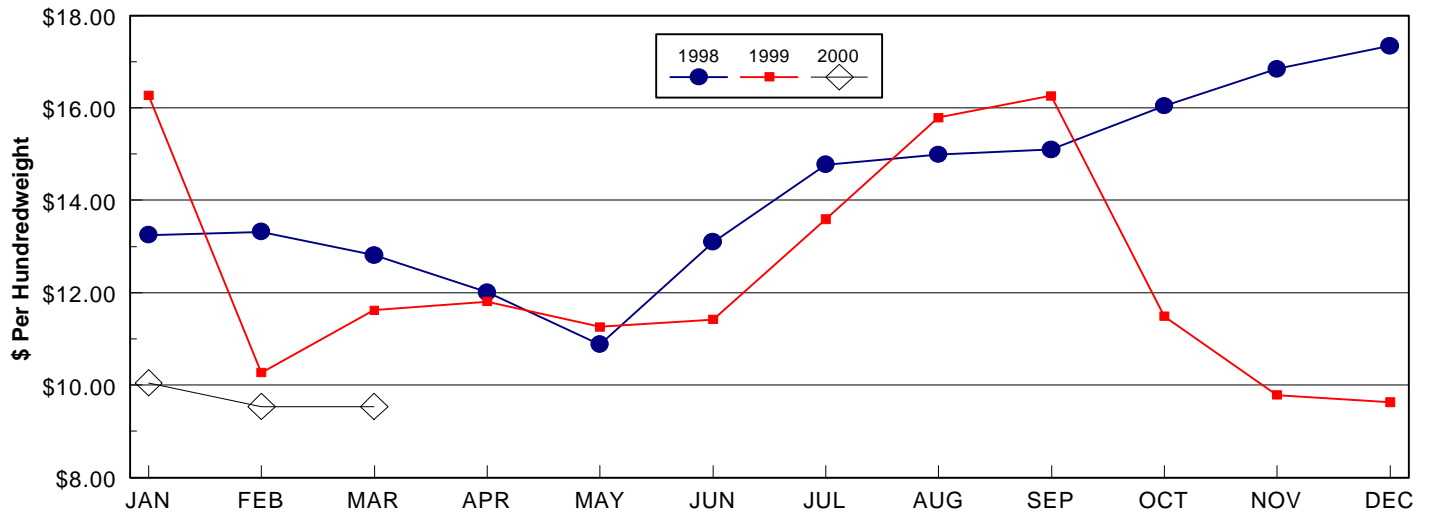
BUTTER production was 129.8 million pounds in February, 16.4 percent above February 1999 but 8.8 percent below January 2000. **AMERICAN TYPE CHEESE** production totaled 297.4 million pounds, 7.2 percent above February 1999 but 6.1 percent below January 2000. **TOTAL CHEESE** output (excluding cottage cheese) was 639.6 million pounds, 6.6 percent above February 1999 but 6.9 percent below January 2000. **NONFAT DRY MILK** production, for human food, totaled 132.5 million pounds, 14.5 percent above February 1999 but 0.8 percent below January 2000. **DRY WHEY** production, for human food, was 96.8 million pounds, 15.8 percent above February 1999 but 6.3 percent below January 2000. **ICE CREAM** (hard) production totaled 68.1 million gallons, 7.8 percent above February 1999 and 13.4 percent above January 2000.

PRODUCTION OF DAIRY PRODUCTS									
PRODUCT	FEB 2000	PERCENT CHANGE FROM:			PRODUCT	FEB 2000	PERCENT CHANGE FROM:		
	1,000 LBS.	FEB 1999	JAN 2000	YEAR TO DATE 1/		1,000 LBS.	FEB 1999	JAN 2000	YEAR TO DATE 1/
BUTTER	129,823	16.4	-8.8	15.9	DRY BUTTERMILK	5,459	-4.3	-5.4	---
CHEESE					YOGURT (PLAIN AND FLAVORED)	148,287	11.4	10.4	---
AMERICAN TYPES 2/	* 297,379	7.2	-6.1	8.3	CONDENSED WHEY, SOLIDS CONTENT 7/				
CHEDDAR	234,699	7.3	-5.7	6.9	SWEET -TYPE, HUMAN FOOD	8,753	55.3	1.9	---
SWISS	17,452	4.8	-2.2	---	SWEET -TYPE, ANIMAL FEED	1,107	-12.8	3.7	---
BRICK & MUENSTER	7,073	-2.0	-6.0	---	DRY WHEY PRODUCTS				
CREAM & NEUFCHATEL	38,924	-7.7	-14.3	---	DRY WHEY, HUMAN FOOD	96,794	15.8	-6.3	---
BLUE	4,519	21.0	-35.4	---	DRY WHEY, ANIMAL FEED	6,769	14.1	2.3	---
HISPANIC	7,128	10.9	3.4	C	REDUCED LACTOSE AND MINERALS				
MOZZARELLA	204,940	6.5	-4.8	6.0	HUMAN FOOD	7,213	-7.8	6.4	---
OTHER ITALIAN TYPES	52,893	14.6	-14.1	12.9	ANIMAL FEED	2,888	19.0	-12.5	---
TOTAL ITALIAN TYPES	257,833	8.1	-6.8	7.4	LACTOSE, HUMAN FOOD & ANIMAL FEED	39,657	9.3	-2.8	---
ALL OTHER TYPES	9,330	13.3	6.3	---	WHEY PROTEIN CONCENTRATE				
TOTAL	639,638	6.6	-6.9	7.1	HUMAN FOOD	27,799	17.4	-2.2	---
COTTAGE CHEESE, CURD 3/	36,470	5.7	3.7	---	ANIMAL FEED	3,392	-3.5	-4.1	---
COTTAGE CHEESE, CREAMED 4/	28,013	2.6	1.4	4.3					
COTTAGE CHEESE, LOWFAT 5/	28,042	0.6	-0.6	3.3	FROZEN PRODUCTS	1,000 GALLONS	PERCENT CHANGE FROM:		
CANNED EVAPORATED & CONDENSED					ICE CREAM (HARD)	68,059	7.8	13.4	6.3
WHOLE MILK	29,838	4.6	-5.4	---	ICE CREAM, LOWFAT (HARD)	6,645	-10.8	6.9	---
DRY WHOLE MILK	11,575	12.1	32.1	---	ICE CREAM, LOWFAT (SOFT)	16,691	1.8	17.1	---
NONFAT DRY MILK, HUMAN FOOD	6/ 132,542	14.5	-0.8	12.8	ICE CREAM, LOWFAT (TOTAL)	23,336	-2.1	14.0	-0.8
DRY SKIM MILK, ANIMAL FEED	367	10.5	-24.3	---	SHERBET (HARD)	3,683	0.3	11.2	2.3
					YOGURT	5,688	-20.6	4.0	-14.9

MANUFACTURERS' STOCKS, END OF MONTH 8/							
PRODUCT	FEB 2000	PERCENT OF:		PRODUCT	FEB 2000	PERCENT OF:	
	1,000 LBS.	FEB 1999	JAN 2000		1,000 LBS.	FEB 1999	JAN 2000
DRY WHEY PRODUCTS				WHEY PROTEIN CONCENTRATE			
DRY WHEY, HUMAN FOOD	39,926	-3.5	-12.5	HUMAN FOOD	15,970	-8.3	-9.2
DRY WHEY, ANIMAL FEED	6,981	11.7	12.8	ANIMAL FEED	1,420	-25.7	-1.0
REDUCED LACTOSE & MINERALS—HUMAN & ANIMAL 9/	10,831	1.2	10.7	CANNED EVAPORATED & CONDENSED WHOLE MILK	37,536	-12.8	-2.8
LACTOSE, HUMAN FOOD & ANIMAL FEED	20,743	-15.5	-5.7	DRY WHOLE MILK	7,961	28.1	43.3
DRY BUTTERMILK, TOTAL	8,681	31.7	3.7	NONFAT DRY MILK FOR HUMAN FOOD	163,054	51.5	11.5
				DRY SKIM MILK FOR ANIMAL FEED	851	-44.7	-28.5

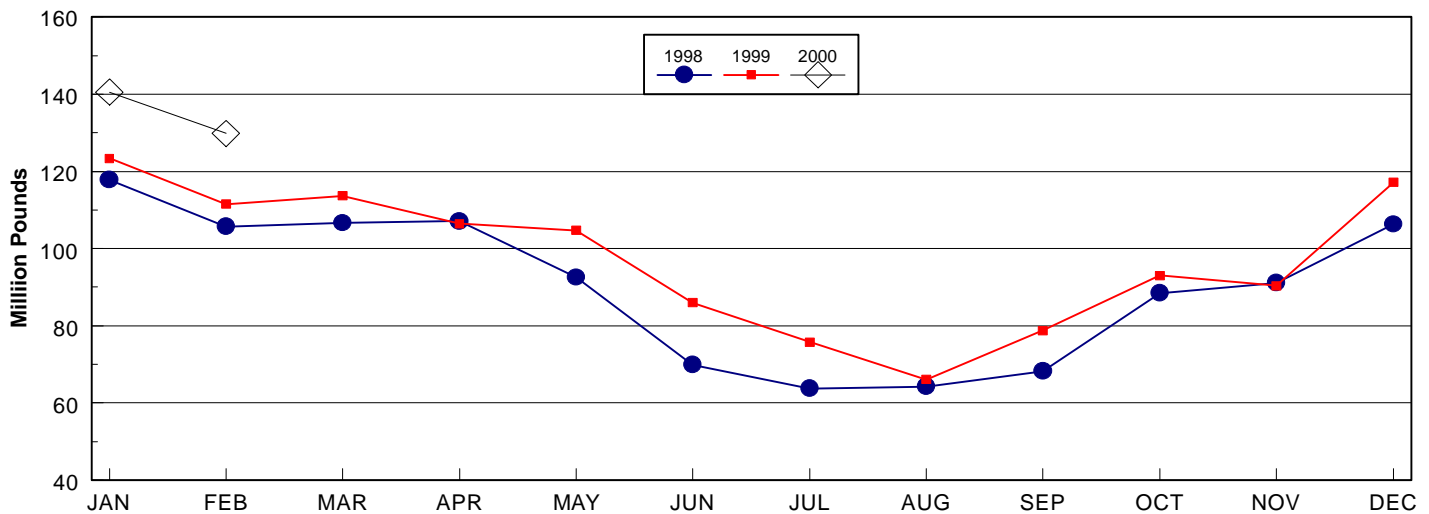
1/ 2000 cumulative as percent change of 1999 cumulative. 2/ Whole milk cheese, including Cheddar, colby, washed curd, stirred curd, monterey and jack. 3/ Mostly used for processing into creamed or lowfat cottage cheese. 4/ Fat content 4 percent or more. 5/ Fat content less than 4 percent. 6/ Includes combined Minnesota and Wisconsin production of 1,729,000 lbs. 7/ Final marketable product only. Does not include quantity used or shipped to another plant for further processing into dry whey or modified whey products. 8/ Stocks held by manufacturers at all points and in transit. 9/ Reduced lactose and minerals stocks combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations. *Includes combined Minnesota and Wisconsin production of 130,776,000 lbs.

SOURCE: "Dairy Products," Da 2-6 (4-00), Agricultural Statistics Board, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

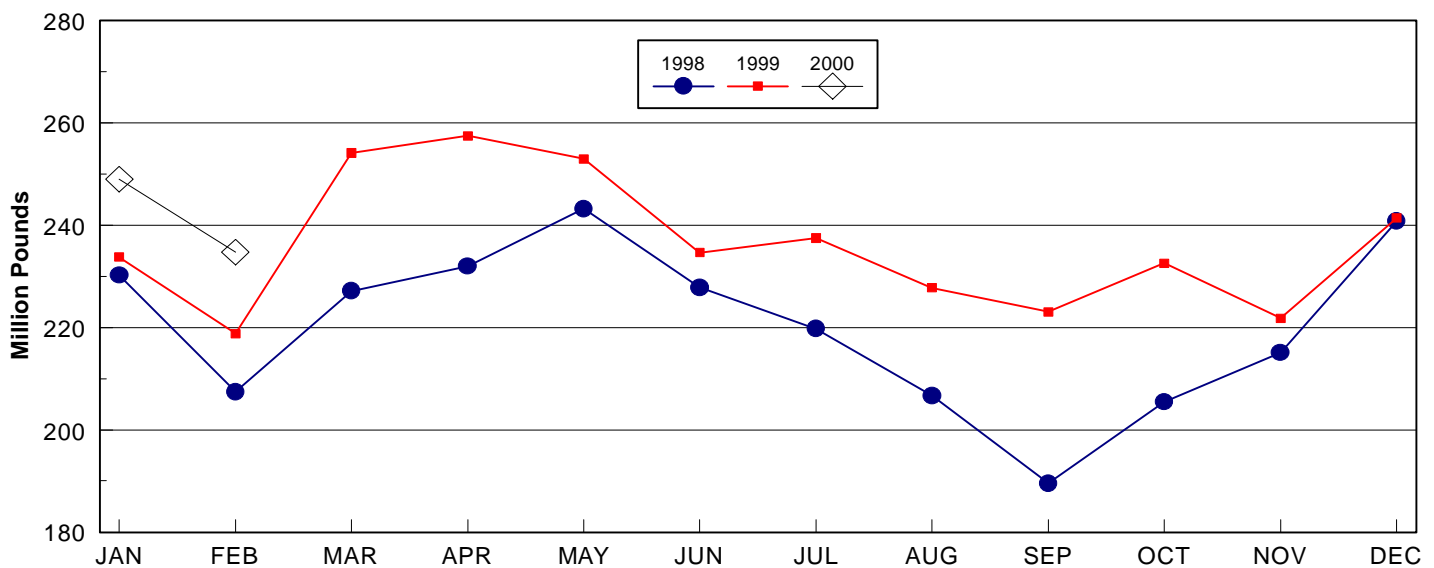
BFP/Class III Milk Price at 3.5% Test

Source: USDA, DMN

Note: Under 2000 Federal Order Reform, the Class III price replaced the BFP

US Butter Production

Source: USDA, NASS

US Cheddar Cheese Production

Source: USDA, NASS

CCC PURCHASES OF DAIRY PRODUCTS

	FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 3 - 7, 2000			CUMULATIVE TOTALS		UNCOMMITTED INVENTORIES	
	TOTAL	CONTRACT	ADJUSTED	SINCE	SAME PERIOD	PERIOD ENDING	SAME PERIOD
	PURCHASES	ADJUSTMENTS	PURCHASES	10/01/99	LAST YEAR	03/31/00	LAST YEAR
BUTTER							
Bulk	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Packaged	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CHEESE							
Block	40,022	-0-	40,022	40,022	-0-	-0-	-0-
Barrel	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Process	-0-	79,200	-79,200	1,782,000	-0-	-0-	-0-
TOTAL	40,022	79,200	-39,178	1,822,022	-0-	-0-	-0-
NONFAT DRY MILK							
Nonfortified	15,923,928	-0-	15,923,928	210,761,171	42,180,028	-0-	-0-
Fortified	-0-	-0-	-0-	5,313,347	-0-	-0-	-0-
TOTAL	15,923,928	-0-	15,923,928	216,074,518	42,180,028	-0-	-0-

MILK EQUIVALENT, MILKFAT AND SKIM SOLIDS BASIS, OF ADJUSTED PURCHASES (MILLION POUNDS)

	MILKFAT*	SKIM**		MILKFAT*	SKIM**
	BASIS	SOLIDS		BASIS	SOLIDS
WEEK OF APRIL 3 - 7, 2000 =	3.1	185.0	COMPARABLE WEEK IN 1999 =	1.6	82.7
CUMULATIVE SINCE OCTOBER 1, 1999 =	64.4	2,533.1	CUMULATIVE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR =	9.3	491.0
CUMULATIVE JANUARY 1 - APRIL 7, 2000 =	53.1	1,940.0	COMPARABLE CALENDAR YEAR 1999 =	9.3	489.8

* Factors used for Milkfat Solids Basis: Butter times 21.80; Cheese times 9.23; and Nonfat Dry Milk times 0.22

**Factors used for Skim Solids Basis: Butter times 0.12; Cheese times 9.90; and Nonfat Dry Milk times 11.64

CCC ADJUSTED PURCHASES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 3 - 7, 2000 (POUNDS)

	BUTTER			CHEESE			NONFAT DRY MILK	
REGION	BULK	PACKAGED	UNSALTED	BLOCK	BARREL	PROCESS	NONFORTIFIED	FORTIFIED
MIDWEST	-0-	-0-	-0-	40,022	-0-	-79,200	868,118	-0-
WEST	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	14,489,229	-0-
EAST	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	566,581	-0-

CCC ADJUSTED PURCHASES SINCE 10/1/99 AND SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (POUNDS) AND MILK EQUIVALENT AS A PERCENT OF TOTAL

	BUTTER		CHEESE		NONFAT DRY MILK		MILK EQUIVALENT	
REGION	1999/00	1998/99	1999/00	1998/99	1999/00	1998/99	1999/00	1998/99
MIDWEST	-0-	-0-	1,822,022	-0-	20,179,220	483,193	33.0	1.1
WEST	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	193,164,316	41,696,835	66.1	98.9
EAST	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	2,730,982	-0-	0.9	0.0
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	1,822,022	-0-	216,074,518	42,180,028	100.0	100.0

SUPPORT PURCHASE PRICES FOR DAIRY PRODUCTS PRODUCED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2000

MANUFACTURING MILK: Average Test 3.67% - \$9.90 per cwt.; 3.5% - \$9.80

DOLLARS PER POUND

BUTTER: Bulk \$.6500; 1# Prints \$.6800

CHEESE: 40 & 60# Blocks \$1.1000; 500# Barrels \$1.0700; Process American 5# \$1.1525; Process American 2# \$1.1925

NONFAT DRY MILK: Nonfortified \$1.0100; Fortified \$1.0200; Instant \$1.1675

Dairy Cow & Total Cow Slaughter under Federal Inspection, by Regions & U.S., for Week Ending 03/18/00 & Comparable Week 1999 1/ 2/

		Regions*										U.S. TOTAL	% DAIRY OF ALL
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
		: WEEK : SINCE JAN 1 : WEEK : SINCE JAN 1											
2000-Dairy cows HD (000)	: 0.2	1.0	6.3	5.5	20.3	2.5	0.9	0.7	12.9	3.5	53.9	638.6	54.2
1999-Dairy cows HD (000)	: 0.3	1.0	5.9	5.8	17.3	2.0	3.0	0.6	9.8	3.6	49.3	623.6	47.6
2000-All cows HD (000)	: 0.2	1.2	8.6	14.7	29.3	11.8	9.0	4.4	14.0	6.2	99.5	1,256.6	
1999-All cows HD (000)	: 0.3	1.0	8.0	16.0	25.0	13.0	16.7	4.2	11.4	7.8	103.5	1,318.1	

SOURCE: The slaughter data are gathered and tabulated in a cooperative effort by the Agricultural Marketing Service, The Food Safety and Inspection Service, and the National Agricultural Statistics Service, all of USDA.

1/ States included in regions are as follows: Region 1--ME, NH, VT, CT, MA, and RI; Region 2--NY and NJ; Region 3--DE, PA, WV, VA, and MD; Region 4--KY, TN, NC, SC, GA, AL, MS, and FL; Region 5--MI, OH, IN, IL, WI, and MN; Region 6--TX, OK, NM, AR, and LA; Region 7--IA, NB, KS, and MO; Region 8--MT, WY, CO, UT, ND, and SD; Region 9--CA, NV, AZ, and HA; Region 10--ID, OR, and WA. 2/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

FEDERAL MILK ORDER CLASS PRICES FOR 2000 (3.5% BF)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Class I 1/	10.90	10.71	10.84	10.93								
Class II	11.43	11.51	11.71									
Class III	10.05	9.54	9.54									
Class IV	10.73	10.80	11.00									

1/ Specific order differentials to be added to this base price are located at: www.ams.usda.gov/dairy/fmor_announce.htm

13/ Class I price at Boise is minus \$0.30.

14/ Class I prices at other points are: Portland, same; and Spokane, same.